

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): An aqueous liquid detergent composition comprising:

a long-chain fatty acid glycol ester represented by the following formula (1):



wherein, R^1 represents a C_{11-21} alkyl or alkenyl group, A represents a hydrogen atom or COR^2 (in which R^2 represents a C_{11-21} alkyl or alkenyl group), and m stands for a number of from 1 to 3; and

a surfactant,

wherein the fatty acid constituent of the long-chain fatty acid glycol ester contains 65 to 85 wt.% of fatty acids having 18 or more carbon atoms, 15 to 35 wt.% of fatty acids having less than 18 carbon atoms, 35 wt.% or less of fatty acids having 16 carbon atoms, and 5 wt.% or less of fatty acids having less than 16 carbon atoms; and

wherein the composition has a pH of from 1 to 5 at 25°C when diluted to 20 times the weight with water.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 2, wherein the long-chain fatty acid glycol ester of formula (1) ~~[[is]]~~ comprises a glycol ester selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol mono-fatty acid esters, ethylene glycol di-fatty acid esters, triethylene glycol mono-fatty acid esters, triethylene glycol di-fatty acid esters, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim [[1]] 2, comprising from 0.3% to 10wt% of the long-chain fatty acid glycol ester of formula (1).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim [[1]] 2, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of amphoteric surfactants, nonionic surfactants, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 5, comprising from 10 to 50wt. % of the surfactant.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim [[1]] 2, further comprising from 0.05% to 10 wt.% of an organic acid or inorganic acid.

Claim 8 (Original): The composition according to Claim 3, wherein the long-chain fatty acid glycol ester of formula (1) is an ethylene glycol di-fatty acid ester.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim [[1]] 2, further comprising a silicone selected from the group consisting of dimethylpolysiloxanes, amino-modified silicones, polyether-modified silicones, methylphenylpolysiloxanes, fatty acid-modified silicones, alcohol-modified silicones, alkoxy-modified silicones, epoxy-modified silicones, fluorine-modified silicones, cyclic silicones, alkyl-modified silicones, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (Original): The composition according to Claim 9, comprising from 0.01 to 10 wt.% of dimethylpolysiloxanes.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim [[1]] 2, comprising from 0.5% to 5wt% of the long-chain fatty acid glycol ester of formula (1).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim [[1]] 2, comprising from 0.8% to 3wt% of the long-chain fatty acid glycol ester of formula (1).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 5, comprising from 10 to 30wt. % of the surfactant.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 5, comprising from 10 to 20wt. % of the surfactant.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim [[1]] 2, wherein the pH is from 3 to 4.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A shampoo comprising the aqueous liquid detergent composition according to claim [[1]] 2.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A body soap comprising the aqueous liquid detergent composition according to claim [[1]] 2.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A face wash comprising the aqueous liquid detergent composition according to claim [[1]] 2.

DISCUSSION OF THE AMENDMENT

Claim 1 has been canceled. The dependent claims have been amended to depend on Claim 2, where appropriate. Claim 3 has been otherwise amended as suggested by the Examiner.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the above amendment. With entry thereof, Claims 2-18 will be pending in the application.